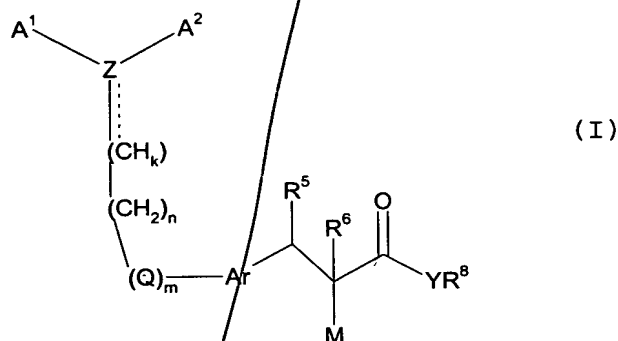


What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (I)



wherein A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>2</sup> are independently of each other a 5-6 membered cyclic ring or a 9-10 membered bicyclic ring, optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, formyl, or C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, (C<sub>3-6</sub>-cycloalkyl)C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4-12</sub>-alkenynyl, C<sub>2-12</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2-12</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkyl, arylalkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, amino, acylamino, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl-amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>-dialkylamino, arylamino, arylalkylamino, aminoC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, arylalkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkoxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, aryloxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, arylalkoxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, arylthio, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkylthio, thioC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, arylalkoxycarbonylamino, -COR<sup>1</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>2</sup>, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, halogen, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy or amino optionally substituted with one or more C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl; optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano;

Z is C or CR<sup>3</sup>, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4-12</sub>-alkenynyl, C<sub>2-12</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2-12</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkoxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, aryloxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, arylalkoxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, thioC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, -COR<sup>4</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup>, wherein R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, halogen, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy or amino optionally substituted with one or more C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, perhalomethyl or

aryl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano;

Q is O, S or  $\text{NR}^{12}$ , wherein  $\text{R}^{12}$  is hydrogen, perhalomethyl,  $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl,  $\text{C}_{4-12}$ -alkenynyl,  $\text{C}_{2-12}$ -alkenyl,  $\text{C}_{2-12}$ -alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, acyl, hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl, amino $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl, arylalkoxy $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkoxy $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl, aryloxy $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl, arylalkoxy $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl, thio $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl,  $-\text{COR}^{13}$ , or  $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{14}$ , wherein  $\text{R}^{13}$  and  $\text{R}^{14}$  independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, perhalomethyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ -alkoxy or amino optionally substituted with one or more  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ -alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano;

----- represents a single bond or a double bond;

Ar is arylene, heteroarylene, or a divalent heterocyclic group each of which is optionally substituted with one or more halogen,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ -alkyl, amino, hydroxy,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ -alkoxy or aryl;

$\text{R}^5$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen,  $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkoxy,  $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl,  $\text{C}_{4-12}$ -alkenynyl,  $\text{C}_{2-12}$ -alkenyl,  $\text{C}_{2-12}$ -alkynyl or arylalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano or  $\text{R}^5$  forms a bond together with  $\text{R}^6$ ;

$\text{R}^6$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen,  $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkoxy,  $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl,  $\text{C}_{4-12}$ -alkenynyl,  $\text{C}_{2-12}$ -alkenyl,  $\text{C}_{2-12}$ -alkynyl, acyl or arylalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano or  $\text{R}^6$  forms a bond together with  $\text{R}^5$ ;

M is  $\text{OR}^7$ , where  $\text{R}^7$  is hydrogen,  $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl,  $\text{C}_{4-12}$ -alkenynyl,  $\text{C}_{2-12}$ -alkenyl,  $\text{C}_{2-12}$ -alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkoxy $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-12}$ -alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl groups optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano or M is  $\text{COYR}^8$ ;

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R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-12</sub>alkyl, C<sub>4-12</sub>-alkenynyl, C<sub>2-12</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2-12</sub>-alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl groups optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano;

- 5 Y is oxygen, sulphur or NR<sup>10</sup>, where R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, aryl, hydroxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl or arylalkyl groups or when Y is NR<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> may form a 5 or 6 membered nitrogen containing ring, optionally substituted with one or more C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl;

k is an integer ranging from 1 to 2, n is an integer ranging from 0 to 3 and m is an integer ranging from 0 to 1;

or a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base, or any optical isomer or mixture of optical isomers, or any tautomeric forms.

- 15 2. A compound of claim 1, wherein A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>2</sup> are independently of each other a 5-6 membered cyclic ring or a 9-10 membered bicyclic ring, optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, (C<sub>3-6</sub>-cycloalkyl)C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4-6</sub>-alkenynyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkyl, arylalkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, acyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl-amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>-dialkylamino, arylamino, arylalkylamino, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, arylalkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, or arylalkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl.

- 25 3. A compound of claim 1, wherein A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>2</sup> are independently of each other a 5-6 membered cyclic ring or a 9-10 membered bicyclic ring, optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, (C<sub>3-6</sub>-cycloalkyl)C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4-6</sub>-alkenynyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkyl, arylalkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, acyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl-amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>-dialkylamino, arylamino, arylalkylamino, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, or arylalkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl.

4. A compound of claim 1, wherein A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>2</sup> are independently of each other a 5-6 membered cyclic ring or a 9-10 membered bicyclic ring, optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy or aryl.

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5. A compound of claim 1, wherein A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>2</sup> are independently of each other a 5-6 membered cyclic ring optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, or aryl.

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6. A compound of claim 1, wherein Z is a carbon atom at the end of a double bond, or Z is CR<sup>3</sup>, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4-12</sub>-alkenynyl, C<sub>2-12</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2-12</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>-alkoxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, aryloxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, arylalkoxyC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, thioC<sub>1-12</sub>-alkyl, -COR<sup>4</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup>, wherein R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, halogen, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy or amino optionally substituted with one or more C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano.

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7. A compound of claim 1, wherein Z is a carbon atom at the end of a double bond, or Z is CR<sup>3</sup>, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4-6</sub>-alkenynyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, arylalkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, thioC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, -COR<sup>4</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup>, wherein R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, halogen, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy or amino optionally substituted with one or more C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano.

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8. A compound of claim 1, wherein Z is a carbon atom at the end of a double bond, or Z is CR<sup>3</sup>, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4-6</sub>-alkenynyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, or arylalkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl.

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9. A compound of claim 1, wherein Z is a carbon atom at the end of a double bond, or Z is CR<sup>3</sup>, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen.

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10. A compound of claim 1, wherein Q is O, S, or NR<sup>12</sup>, wherein R<sup>12</sup> is hydrogen, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4-6</sub>-alkenynyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, acyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-

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- alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, arylalkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, arylalkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, thioC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, -COR<sup>13</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>14</sup>, wherein R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy or amino optionally substituted with one or more C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, or perhalomethyl.
11. A compound of claim 1, wherein Q is O, S, or NR<sup>12</sup>, wherein R<sup>12</sup> is hydrogen, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, or acyl.
12. A compound of claim 1, wherein Q is O or S.
13. A compound of claim 1, wherein Q is O.
14. A compound of claim 1, wherein Ar is arylene, heteroarylene, or a divalent heterocyclic group each of which can optionally be substituted with one or more halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy.
15. A compound of claim 1, wherein Ar is arylene, or heteroarylene.
16. A compound of claim 1, wherein Ar is arylene.
17. A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4-6</sub>-alkenynyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkynyl or arylalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, or perhalomethyl or R<sup>5</sup> forms a bond together with R<sup>6</sup>.
18. A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, or perhalomethyl or R<sup>5</sup> forms a bond together with R<sup>6</sup>.
19. A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, halogen or R<sup>5</sup> forms a bond together with R<sup>6</sup>.
20. A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen.

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21. A compound of claim 1, wherein  $R^6$  is hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl,  $C_{4-6}$ -alkenynyl,  $C_{2-6}$ -alkenyl,  $C_{2-6}$ -alkynyl, acyl or arylalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen or perhalomethyl or  $R^6$  forms a bond together with  $R^5$ .
- 5 22. A compound of claim 1, wherein  $R^6$  is hydrogen, halogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxy, or  $R^6$  forms a bond together with  $R^5$ .
23. A compound of claim 1, wherein  $R^6$  is hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxy, or  $R^6$  forms a bond together with  $R^5$ .
- 10 24. A compound of claim 1, wherein  $R^6$  is hydrogen.
25. A compound of claim 1, wherein M is  $OR^7$ , where  $R^7$  is hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl,  $C_{4-6}$ -alkenynyl,  $C_{2-6}$ -alkenyl,  $C_{2-6}$ -alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxy $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxycarbonyl, 15 aryloxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl groups optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano.
26. A compound of claim 1, wherein M is  $OR^7$ , where  $R^7$  is hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl,  $C_{4-6}$ - 20 alkenynyl,  $C_{2-6}$ -alkenyl,  $C_{2-6}$ -alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxy $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl groups optionally substituted with one or more halogen or perhalomethyl.
27. A compound of claim 1, wherein M is  $OR^7$ , where  $R^7$  is  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl or M is  $COYR^8$  where 25  $R^8$  is defined as in claim 1.
28. A compound of claim 1, wherein M is  $OR^7$ , where  $R^7$  is ethyl or M is  $COYR^8$  where  $R^8$  is defined as in claim 1.
- 30 29. A compound of claim 1, wherein  $R^8$  is hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl,  $C_{4-6}$ -alkenynyl,  $C_{2-6}$ -alkenyl,  $C_{2-6}$ -alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl groups optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano.

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30. A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>4-6</sub>-alkenynyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl groups optionally substituted with one or more halogen, or perhalomethyl.

5 *sub art* 31. A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl.

32. A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen or ethyl.

10 33. A compound of claim 1, wherein Y is oxygen, sulphur or NR<sup>10</sup>, where R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryl, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl or arylalkyl groups or when Y is NR<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> may form a 5 or 6 membered nitrogen containing ring, optionally substituted with one or more C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl.

15 34. A compound of claim 1, wherein Y is oxygen, or NR<sup>10</sup>, where R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryl, or arylalkyl groups, or when Y is NR<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> may form a 5 or 6 membered nitrogen containing ring, optionally substituted with one or more C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl.

35. A compound of claim 1, wherein Y is oxygen.

20 36. A compound of claim 1, wherein k is an integer ranging from 1 to 2.

37. A compound of claim 1, wherein n and m are 1.

38. A compound of claim 1, which is

25 2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-phenyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid ethyl ester,

2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-phenyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

3-{4-[3-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl}-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,

3-{4-[3-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl}-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

3-{4-[3,3-Bis-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl}-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,

30 3-{4-[3,3-Bis-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl}-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

3-{4-[3-Phenyl-3-(biphenyl-4-yl)-allyloxy]-phenyl}-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,

3-{4-[3-Phenyl-3-(biphenyl-4-yl)-allyloxy]-phenyl}-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid ethyl ester,

2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

- 2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,  
 3-[4-(3, 3-Diphenyl-propoxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 3-[4-(3,3-Diphenyl-propoxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,  
 5 2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-phenyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-phenyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,  
 3-[4-[3-Phenyl-3-(biphenyl-4-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 3-[4-[3-Phenyl-3-(biphenyl-4-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,  
 2-[4-[3,3-Bis-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-allyloxy]-benzyl]-malonic acid dimethyl ester,  
 10 (E)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(4-furan-2-yl-phenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 (E)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(4-furan-2-yl-phenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,  
 (E)-(2S)-3-[4-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-3-phenyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 (E)-(2S)-3-[4-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-3-phenyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,  
 15 (E, Z)-(2S)-3-[4-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-3-phenyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 (E, Z)-(2S)-3-[4-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-3-phenyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,  
 3-[4-[3,3-Bis-(3-methyl-thiophen-2-yl)-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 3-[4-[3,3-Bis-(4-bromo-phenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 20 3-[4-[3,3-Bis-(4-bromo-phenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,  
 2-Ethoxy-3-[4-(3-phenyl-3-pyridin-4-yl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 2-Ethoxy-3-[4-(3-phenyl-3-pyridin-4-yl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-propionic acid,  
 (E, Z)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-thiophen-2-yl-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 25 (E, Z)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-thiophen-2-yl-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,  
 (E, Z)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-(3-phenyl-3-p-tolyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 (E, Z)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-(3-phenyl-3-p-tolyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-propionic acid,  
 (2S)-3-[4-(3,3-Diphenyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 30 (2S)-3-[4-(3,3-Diphenyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,  
 (Z)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid ethyl ester,  
 (Z)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

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(E)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid ethyl ester,

(E)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid,

(2S)-3-[4-[3,3-Bis-(4-methoxyphenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,

5 (2S)-3-[4-[3,3-Bis-(4-methoxyphenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

(2S)-3-[4-(3,3-Di-p-tolyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,

(2S)-3-[4-(3,3-Di-p-tolyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

(Z)-(2S)-3-[4-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-3-phenyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

(Z)-(2S)-3-[4-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,

(Z)-(2S)-3-[4-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

(2S)-3-[4-(3,3-Bis-biphenyl-4-yl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,

(2S)-3-[4-(3,3-Bis-biphenyl-4-yl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

(2S)-3-[4-[3,3-Bis-(4-bromophenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,

15 (2S)-3-[4-[3,3-Bis-(4-bromophenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

(Z)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[3-(4-furan-2-yl-phenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid ethyl ester,

(Z)-(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[3-(4-furan-2-yl-phenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid,

(E)-(2S)-3-[4-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl

20 ester,

(E)-(2S)-3-[4-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-phenyl-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

(2S)-3-[4-[3,3-Bis-(4-furan-2-yl-phenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester,

(2S)-3-[4-[3,3-Bis-(4-furan-2-yl-phenyl)-allyloxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

(E, Z)-(2S)-3-[4-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-3-p-tolyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl es-

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(E, Z)-(2S)-3-[4-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-3-p-tolyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid, or

(E, Z)-(2R)-3-[4-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-3-phenyl-allyloxy)-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid ethyl ester;

30 or a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base, or any optical isomer or mixture of optical isomers, or any tautomeric forms.

39. A pharmaceutical composition comprising, as an active ingredient, an effective amount of a compound of claim 1, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

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40. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 39 in unit dosage form, comprising from about 0.05 to about 100 mg of the compound.

41. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 40 in unit dosage form, comprising from about 0.1 to about 50 mg of the compound.

42. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 39, which is administered by the oral, nasal, transdermal, pulmonary, or parenteral route.

43. A method for treating or preventing conditions mediated by nuclear receptors, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

44. The method of claim 43, wherein the nuclear receptors are the Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptors (PPAR).

45. A method for treating or preventing diabetes and/or obesity, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

46. The method of claim 43, wherein the effective amount of the compound is in the range of from about 0.05 to about 100 mg per day.

47. The method of claim 46, wherein the effective amount of the compound is from about 0.1 to about 50 mg per day.

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